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## TWENTY-FIRST OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD MEETING

The twenty-first meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, Tuesday, 6 June 1950. Present were:

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RE-REVIEW

Item I. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Item II. [redacted]

A conference was held in [redacted] on Friday, 2 June, attended by [redacted] as to the probable success of our approach to the [redacted] Government for communications rights and as to what our next step should be in the negotiations. At that meeting, [redacted] proposed that a paper be prepared for the Director's signature, giving the background and present status of the negotiations to date. It was decided that such a paper should be prepared in completed form at which time another meeting would be held to decide how best to use it. It was emphasized that such position paper should be presented through appropriate channels to the Air Force first as a matter of courtesy before submission to either the Secretary of Defense or the National Security Council. In connection with communications for the Southeast Asia area, the Chief, Communications, has asked the State Department Liaison Officer to start exploratory talks with the Department towards the possibility of obtaining communications rights in [redacted] in order that smaller stations might be established at these points to serve immediate needs in that area. [redacted] stated that OPC is setting up a major base [redacted] for the Western Pacific but this is considered too far away to be of use as a communications base.

Item III. [redacted]

It is understood that negotiations for an [redacted] may not be as difficult as first indicated. [redacted] may be able to retain their activities there. Area studies have been made but no official approaches have been initiated as yet. It was proposed that a plan for the establishment of an [redacted] be prepared by Communications, quoting authority as contained in the Overseas Communications Plan, for use in such negotiations. Such a plan should include the proposed scope of activities of the base, complete technical aspects, estimated date of beginning of construction, how much area is required, voltage needed, how many men for staffing, how long construction will take, etc. It was agreed that such a paper would be prepared for the next meeting and discussions would be had then as to the proper channels for negotiation. The question of a possible base at [redacted] was brought up and discussed. [redacted] is including provision in their budget for a large base there and OPC is considering it for a logistics base which might well be used also as a communications base.

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Item V. New Business:

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